PASSENGERS TRAPPED IN CARS

Locomotive Draws Its Train Through Open Draw Into the West Branch of the Elizabeth River - Faulty Air Brakes Are Blamed-Divers Work to Rescue the Drowning.

Norfolk, Va.-The second section of an excursion train from Kinston, N. C., ran into an open draw on the western branch of the Elizabeth River, and two passenger coaches and the engine plunged into thirty feet of water.

Divers were soon engaged in the work of rescue. All the victims, with possibly two exceptions, were negroes. Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line declare ignorance of orders or direct carelessness is responsible for the wreck. The draw, it is said, had been opened to allow a tug to pass. Faulty airbrakes, the engineer says, caused his train to plunge through the open draw.

Six hundred and fifty passengers on an excursion train from Rock Mount, N. C., arrived here late in the evening. They narrowly escaped the fate of the negro excursion train. A delay of fifteen minutes at Rocky Mount held the train and placed the Kinston section ahead.

But for this delay the fate of the Rocky Mount train might have been that which befell the Kinston train. As soon as the news of the catastro-

phe reached this city ten Norfolk physicians, a score of nurses and every doctor in the city of Portsmouth hurried to the scene.

The excursion train consisted of five coaches, which contained about 250 persons.

The wrecked train was due to arrive at Norfolk at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Preceding this train was another excursion train over the same road, bringing 300 negro excursionists from Rocky Mount, N. C. Following the wrecked train there was still another excursion train, this being composed of merchants and others from Augusta, Ga.; Charleston, S. C., and Jacksonville, Fla., bound to Baltimore, Md.; Philadelphia, Pa., and New York City for the purchase of fall goods.

The first train arrived here at 8.30 o'clock in the morning without accident, and the Augusta, Jacksonville and Charleston merchants all left for the North at night by water.

Engineer C. F. Riggs and the fireman saw that the draw was open too late to stop the train. When almost on the bridge the engineer applied the air brakes, but they did not appear to work properly. The two men jumped. The engineer landed on the piling of the bridge and his face was seriously cut. The fireman jumped in the water and was not seriously injured. Conductor W. F. Moris, of Greensboro, N. C., was not injured, nor was the brakeman.

The scene following the wreck was one of indescribable confusion, with the shricking of men, women and children who were drowning and struggling out of the submerged coach and floating to rescue those who were imprisoned in the cars. People in the neighborhood went to the assistance of those in the wreck and helped in the rescue. The injured were taken to the track embankment and were attended there by the physicians. Between twenty and thirty people were in the front car. These were among the missing, and it was thought that not one

KILLED WITH HIS FIANCEE.

Deputy Police Commissioner Lindsley and Miss Willing in Auto Crash.

Rutland, Vt .- Harris Lindsley, Third Deputy Police Commissioner of New York City, and his fiancee, Miss Evelyn P. Willing, of Chicago, were killed at Pike's Crossing, near Bennington. when the automobile in which they were traveling fron. Manchester. Vt., to Williamstown, Mass., was struck by a train on the branch of the Rutland Railroad from North Bennington. Miss Willing and Mr. Lindsley were to have been married the following week. Ambrose Cramer, of Chicago, the young nephew of Miss Willing, and J Adamson, the chauffeur, were thrown out and badly bruised

KILLED ON HOMEWARD TRIP.

Youthful Traveler Responding to Mota-

er's Plea is Mysteriously Murdered. Bonneville, Ore.-Having started for his home in response to his aged mother's appeal, J. L. Anderson, of No. 444 North Prospect street, Kansas City, Mo., was murdered near here.

Investigation showed that Andersop had met death by repeated blows oi. the head, inflicted by a heavy iron bar, but there is no clue to the motive for the crime nor the identity of the murderer. A letter in his pocket contained an appeal from his mother at Kansas City to come home. Anderson was about twenty-two years old, and though bearing signs of tramping, he had been neatly dressed.

Missionaries Killed in Africa. A Catholic bishop, two missionary Brothers and two Sisters were killed by notives in German East Africa.

Deny Lamsdorff's Resignation. The Russian Foreign Office, at St. Petersburg, denied the report that Count Lamsdorff had resigned.

Farmers Prosperous.

The farmers are no longer burdened by mortgages, and out of their profits may be expected to purchase in the aggregate a very large amount of articles both for use in their work and for the needs and the recreations of themselves and their families.

Finds Operator Responsible. The Cleveland, Ohio, coroner found that the telegraph operator at Mentor, Ohio, threw the switch which caused the wreck of the Twentieth Century

Limited at that place some weeks ago.

Avalanche of Rock Crushes Many Workman in Quarry.

Dozen Killed by Tons of Rock Near Allentown, Pa .- Others Injured by the Huge Mass of Stone.

Allentown, Pa.-A mass of limestone, weighing thousands of tons, slid from a side of the quarry of Mill A, of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company at Ormrod at noon, just five minutes before time to quit work, killing a dozen | cisco has been awarded to Thomas Butmen and injuring several others.

Twenty-five men were at work in the quarry, which is 1000 feet long, 150 feet across and 100 feet deep. heavy rains of the past two days had softened the earth, and this caused the slide of rock. Where the fallen mass slipped away, a smooth and nearly perpendicular wall was left, rising sheer 100 feet above the bottom of the quarry, while the entire quarry floor was covered with broken, jagged rock.

Only nine of the men got away safely. Four of these escaped by running up on a mass of rock at the opposite side of the quarry. The remaining eighteen men occupied a space ten feet square, and were crushed under the falling rocks. All of the men were Slavonians, who lived in quarters close to the quarry.

Two men who saw the side of the quarry quiver shouted a warning to the workers. These misinterpreted the calls, and failed to move out of the way of danger until it was too late. With a thundering roar the mountain of rock fell, pinning the victims fast.

All the men from the company's five neighboring quarries as well as the rigging gang set to work at once to extricate the unfortunate laborers. They used block and tackle, crowbars, hydraulic jacks and picks to remove the stone, many single pieces of which weighed several tons. Moans were heard coming from several places, and to these the rescuers directed their first efforts. They uncovered one man after another, and at 5.30 got out the last living man. His head and shoulders were exposed from the first, but his legs were pinned fast by an enormous boulder.

Six men were found huddled in one place, four standing and two lying down. Three were alive, but one died before he could be released. Five physicians were summoned and gave the injured first aid on the scene and then had them hurried in wagons to the Allentown hospitals. The dead were carried to the stockhouse.

Eight bodies were recovered before

Most of the men killed or injured are single. Others had families in Austria. A number of women from the foreign colony ran to the quarry when the news of the accident reached them and worked with the men in the work of

A MILLION HUNGRY PEASANTS.

Storming the Towns in Andalusia and Demanding Food.

Madrid, Spain.-The disorders in Andalusia as a result of the famine are growing alarmingly. The sacking of farms and the slaughtering of sheep and cattle continue practically unchecked. The districts around Carmona, Osuna, Estepa, Utrera, Maron and Jerez are terrorized by hunger driven peasants. The wealthier residents are fleeing and abandoning their homes, taking refuge in Seville, Cordova and other large cities.

The starving peasants continue to invade the towns, clamoring for food and sometimes looting. It is stated that 4000 are massed outside Osuna, threatening to storm the houses of the

Aid from the Government and public charity is inadequate and distributed slowly. Troops are protecting many towns but the authorities hesitate to take severe measures, partly through sympathy with the distressed and partly through fear lest a wave of violence be provoked.

It is estimated that 1,000,000 are desperately hungry, and that 100,000 of these are actually starving.

MANY WATCH SUICIDE.

Man Wades to Death at Binghamton While No One Hinders Him,

Binghamton, N. Y.-Wilbur Saxton, who had been employed for a few weeks as a substitute clerk in the Binghamton Postoffice, has drowned

About 7.30 o'clock he left the office, ran across the street to the Chenango River bank, and in full view of several people who made no effort to stop him, he waded out into the river to a depth of three feet, and held his head under the water until he was drowned. The people who had seen him then gave the alarm.

No cause is known for the act. Saxton came to the city from Sanitaria Springs a few weeks ago, and had acted strangely for several days.

KILLED IN WRECK.

B. and O. Express From New York City Crashes Into Trolley Car.

Cincinnati, Ohio.-Three men were killed and ten persons were injured at night when a fast through express from New York City to Cincinnati on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern crashed into a Winton Place trolley car in Winton Place, a suburb. All the killed lived in Winton Place. The dead

were: Robert J. Smith, William Tueting, Ir., and an unidentified man.

HORWAY'S VOTE TREMENDOUS.

Dissolution Question Draws More Vot-

ers Than Previous Election.

Christiania, Norway. - Complete returns from the referendum on the question of the separation of Norway from Sweden show that 368,200 votes were cast for dissolution and 184 against it. The size of the vote is very gratifying to the leaders of the Storthing and has aroused intense interest.

At the last general election for members of the Storthing only 236,641 votes were cast.

News of the FAVOR FEDERAL CONTROL PLAN FOR ENDING WAR

WASHINGTON.

The forest service of the Department of Agriculture has taken up the study of woods for special uses, and experiments will be conducted to produce a wood for street pavement which will prove lasting.

Mr. Conger, former Minister to China, has been appointed a special envoy to go to Pekin and investigate the boycott and the Hankow Railway question.

The contract for the construction of the new Custom House at San Franler, of that city, at his bid of \$1,194,-000, the building to be completed by March 1, 1908. .

W. E. Dauchy, who has been the en-

gineer in charge of the Culebra divi-

sion of the canal work and an appointee of former Chief Engineer Wallace, has resigned. Theodore P. Shonts, who has returned from Panama, declared that the

chief problem at present was the hous-

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

ing and feeding of the employes.

The transport Logan, with Secretary Taft, Miss Roosevelt and the other members of the party on board, arrived at Iloilo, Philippine Islands, from Manila. Tugs with the local governor and a large reception committee, consisting of army and navy officers, and leading citizens, met the Logan down the bay.

The Federal party has accepted Secretary Taft's statement of the attitude of the United States Government toward the Philippines, and will reconstruct its platform in accordance there-

The viceroys of the Chinese provinces of Kwan-Tung and Kwang-Se have sent dispatches to Manila asking when Secretary Taft and his party will visit the capitals of their respective provinces, and saying that preparations for their suitable reception are under way.

DOMESTIC.

J. H. Richards advocated the establishment of a Department of Mines at the Trans-Mississippi Congress.

A petition addressed to President Diaz of Mexico, asking him to co-operate in preventing Sunday builfights at Da Juana, just across the border, is circulating in San Diego, Cal.

The police raided every gambling house in Milwaukee, Wis., making many arrests.

Commissioners on uniform divorce law appointed by the Governors of about thirty States met at Narragansett Pier, R. I.

Arkansas joined Kansas in the fight against the Packing Trust. Suits were begun against the Swift and Cudahy companies in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County for \$60,000 each and forfeiture of their charters.

On Sunday before Labor Day 7000 Presbyterian preachers throughout the United States will preach on some phase of the labor question, in accordance with a plan outlined by the department of church and labor recently organized in the Presbyterian Church.

Pink Hane, of Mississippi, was killed by a quarantine guard while attempting to run the line near Lagrange,

Extensive damage is threatened from vast fires raging in Montana near the Idaho line.

William Jennings Bryan, in emulation of Andrew Carnegie, is to build a public library at Salem, Ill., his birth-

The United States torpedo planter, George E. Armistead, reached Newport, R. I., for a month's stay, to give Fort Adams army regulars instruction. A delegation headed by Jacob H.

Schiff held a conference with M. Witte regarding the condition of Russian

The fever situation at New Orleans continued serious.

Believed to be fatally hurt at Spokane, Wash., while looping the gap in a circus, Tom Bumtler, known as "Volo," is improving.

Bombs were sent through the mail to Jacob H. Schiff and M. Guggenheim's Sons, in New York City.

FOREIGN.

The Cuban Senate, in session at Havana, by a vote of 11 to 2 rejected the bill to increase the duty on rice from \$1.20 to \$2.75 a hundred kilos.

Professor Garner, of London, England, is going to West Africa again to study the languages of monkeys and

other simians. Albert Edelfeld, the painter, of Copenhagen, is dead at the age of fifty-

Judge Calhoun, Special Commissioner from the United States, has arrived at Caracas and has been presented at the Foreign Office.

Honduras, ravaged by yellow fever, will ask the United States Marine Hospital Service to take complete charge of the sanitation of the country. England, according to Government

officials, has not put any pressure on Japan in urging an end of the war.. The Minister of Finance in the Senate, at Valparaiso, Chile, announced a deficit of 7,000,000 pesos for the pres-

ent year. The workmen in all the factories at Vienna, Austria, went on strike. Mr. Hugh Watt, a former member of

Parliament, representing Glasgow, was charged in London by his former wife with an attempt to murder her. Mr. Whitelaw Reid, American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, London, England. has taken Wrest

Park, the late Earl Cowper's country seat, for his winter home. Jori, an Anarchist, who was arrested while meditating an attempt on the life of Emperor Francis Joseph during the Emperor's forthcoming visit to Botzen,

Austria, hanged himself in prison. The Senate, at Havana, Cuba, passed the House bill granting amnesty to former officials of the Government who were guilty of misconduct prior ; to the establishment of the republic.

Life Insurance Men Have Interview With President at Oyster Bay.

SENATOR DRYDEN FRAMES BILL

Government to Be Asked to Take Over the Supervision of All Life Insurance Companies Now Governed by State Laws-No Opposition to the Movement Apparent at Present.

Oyster Bay.-President Roosevelt has pledged the full support of the Administration for the enactment of a law providing for Federal supervision of life insurance. The regular session of Congress, when it meets next December, will be asked to pass the necessary legislative measure.

This became known at the close of a conference at Sagamore Hill by the President, United States Senator John F. Dryden, from New Jersey, and James M. Beck, formerly United States Assistant Attorney-General. These men are considered as leading authorities on the subject of life insurance. Senator Dryden is president of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, of New Jersey; Mr. Beck is attorney for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York.

President Roosevelt, it is known, expressed himself as heartily in favor of the proposed change. He touched on the subject in his last message to Congress when he said:

"The business of insurance vitally affects the great majority of the people of The Hague Court. The President of the United States, and is national and not local in its application. It involves a multitude of transactions. among the people of the different States and between American companies and foreign Governments. I urge that Congress carefully consider whether the power of the Bureau of Corporations cannot constitutionally be extended to cover interstate transactions in insurance."

Congress, introduced a bill in which were embodied the recommendations Government might decline to recogmade by the President in his message. nize in any way, either through arbitra-This measure, at the request of the tion or otherwise, the proposition that Senator himself, was sent to the Sen- Japan is entitled to reimbursement. ate Committee on Judiciary, where it remained when Congress adjourned. According to the plan decided on at this later conference Senator Dryden, when Congress meets again, will introduce a bill framed largely on the same lines as the old one, but containing additional provisions for the remedy of defects in existing legislation, since brought to light, and amended in some respect so as to meet constitutional re-

quirements. Senator Dryden arrived here on the 12.20 train, which brought several other visitors for the President. Mr. Beck had planned to arrive at the same time, but missed his train at Long Island City. Fifteen minutes later, however, he arrived on a special, which he had engaged on short notice and which made a record run to Oyster Bay. Senator Dryden and Mr. Beck took luncheon with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill.

"We discussed the question of Federal supervision of life insurance," said Mr. Beck, on his return, "and had a very satisfactory talk with the President on the subject."

"Will you say what the President's attitude on the question is?" Mr. Beck

was asked. "It would be presumption on my part should I propose to express an opinion on behalf of the President," Mr. Beck replied. "All that I can say was that our interview with him was highly

satisfactory to us. "There is not the slightest doubt in the minds of any of the men identified with the great insurance interests that the time has come to take supervision of them away from the States and lodge it with the Federal Government. I have heard no open dissent from that opinion from any quarter. The chief difficulty with which we are confronted lies in the framing of a measure which will meet with the constitutional requirements. There seems to be considerable difference of opinion among leading lawyers in this country regarding the constitutionality of a Federal

life insurance law." . "Do you expect to be able to overcome this obstacle?" Mr. Beck was

asked. "Well, we would hardly undertake this work unless we thought we could frame a measure conservative enough to commend itself to the highest court." Mr. Beck, when asked to outline the proposed legislation, said that in his opinion Senator Dryden's bill would meet all the requirements admirably and that all the great-insurance companies favored the measure. This bill calls for the establishment of an insurance department in connection with the Bureau of Corporations in the Department of Commerce and Labor, which already is authorized to collect information regarding insurance companies doing an inter-State business.

One Ship of the Armada Home.

The Rusian transport Anadyr, which escaped capture by the Japanese, after the battle of the Sea of Japan, has passed into the Baltic Sea on its home voyage to Libau. This is the only vessel of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet that has returned.

Finds Murderer After Years' Search. After nine years spent in traveling 10,000 miles over three continents Antonio Carraciola discovered the assassin of his father in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, New York City.

The Winter Wheat.

The winter wheat crop is now beyond danger, and spring wheat will soon be past the point where black rust can corrupt and rains destroy. The total estimate on wheat, based upon the Government's figures, is 709,731.000 bushels, figures exceeded by those of final harvest returns in only one year,

Iron and Steel Active. Iron furnaces and steel mills make progress, but less rapidly.

tration to Russia and Japan.

Envoy Witte, After Long Conference With Rosen, Sends Report to Czir-The Tokio Cabinet Convenes.

Portsmouth, N. II .- The question of peace now rests with the Czar. He is in possession of the proposal made by President Roosevelt to Baron Rosen at Oyster Bay. Before the President submitted his proposition to the Russian envoy he had obtained the assent of the Japanese Government to the new conditions, and, therefore, there is nothing in the way of a peace treaty now except the refusal of Emperor Nicholas to let disputed articles of the proposed peace agreement go to The Hague tribunal for arbitration or to some person or persons agreed upon to settle the disputed points.

When President Roosevelt saw Baron Rosen he informed him that the Tokio Government would modify its conditions in respect of limiting the naval power of Russia in the Sea of Japan and would withdraw in part its demand for the war vessels interned in neutral harbors. The question of indemnity and the future ownership of Sakhalien Island, he said, could very well be left to The Hague tribunal, a court practically created by the Czar,

or to a similar body. This would permit the envoys in Portsmouth to sign a treaty of peace forthwith, postponing the settlement of the two disputed articles, but binding themselves to accept the decision informed Baron Rosen there was no doubt of Japan's acceptance, and, therefore, there was no reason why the war should continue. The Czar stood for the principle of arbitration, and the tremendous value of The Hague Court could not be better proved than in the settlement of so weighty a question. It is understood that Baron Rosen thoroughly approved the plan, and perceived that it would solve all Senator Dryden, at the last session of the difficulties in Portsmouth, but he expressed his fear that the Russian

> The feature of the plan by President Roosevelt, communicated through Baron Rosen to Mr. Witte and transmitted by the latter to Emperor Nicholas, was based upon the principle of arbitration. Whether the proposal contemplates arbitration of all the articles upon which the plenipotentiaries have failed to agree, or only upon the question of indemnity, cannot be stated with positiveness, but it is more than probable that it relates only to indemnity, or to indemnity and the cession of the Island of Sakhalien.

Neither is it possible to say whether the President has yet made a similar proposition to Japan, but the understanding is that he had Japan's full assent before he discussed the proposition with Baron Rosen. The customary diplomatic proceedings in such a case would be to submit the proposal simultaneously to both countries, but there might be an advantage in securing the adherence of one before submitting it to the other. To Emperor Nicholas, the author of The Hague peace conference, the suggestion of arbitration, which will necessarily immediately command the sympathy of the public opinion of the world will be particu-

larly hard to reject. If he agrees, Japan, if she has not already done so, would be all the more bound to submit her claim to the decision of an impartial arbitrator. Acceptance by both sides would involve a great extension of the principle of arbitration, as nations have heretofore declined to arbitrate questions involving their "honor and dignity." Both Mr. Takahira and Mr. Witte in the earlier stages of the conference abso-

lutely rejected the idea of arbitration. It is very significant that the Japancse Cabinet has convened at Tokio to consider grave and urgent matters.

CURZON RESIGNS AS VICEROY.

Blaten by Kitchener in Fight For Army Control in India.

London.-The bitter struggle between Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, and General Lord Kitchener for control of the army in India, which began practically the moment the latter was appointed, after the Boer war, to succeed Lord Roberts as commander of the forces in that empire, reached its climax when it became known that Lord Curzon had resigned his office, the loftiest executive position in the gift of the British crown, and thereby acknowledged defeat by the iron-jawed, wordless, relentless man known in English military circles as the Silent

With the resignation of Lord Curzon his beautiful wife, formerly Mary Leiter, of Chicago, will return to the ranks of minor peeresses in England and drop the quasi-regal state she has occupied in India for the last seven years, Simultaneously with the news of Lord Curzon's resignation, which was given out at the India Office, came the announcement that Earl Minto had been appointed to the vacancy.

Czar Proclaims an Assembly. Czar Nicholas, from his palace at Peterhof, Russia, issued a proclamation granting a national consultative assembly.

Lived Over a Century. Daniel Kean, aged 101 years, uncle of former Mayor George A. Kean, died

a few days ago at Cumberland, Md.

Shot by Young Boy. Catharine Doran, of Brooklyn, N. Y. was shot and mortally wounded by Philip Bishop, aged twelve, who has "Wild West" aspirations, while opening her father's toy store early in the morning.

Two Convicts Reprieved. Edward F. Tapeley and Nicolo Murdico, who were to have been hanged in Jersey City, N. J., were reprieved as a result of agitation against capital punishment,



Wholesale Prices Onotel in New York

The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 21/2c. per quart.

BUTTER. Creamery-Western, extra.\$ State dairy tubs, firsts Imitation creamery...... 15 @ Factory, thirds to firsts.... 15 @ CHEESE. State, full cream, fancy. 10 @ Part skims, common Full skims.... 11/2@ Jersey-Fancy BEANS AND PEAS. Beans-Marrow, choice

Medium, choice.. 2 231/@ 2 25 White kidney 3 65 Lima, Cal..... FRUITS AND BERRIES-FRESH. Apples, Pippin, per bbl.... 1 75 @ 3 00 Jersey, per basket...... 50 @ 75
Huckleberries, per qt..... 5 @ 11
Muskmelons, per box..... 25 @ 1 25 Watermelons, per 100..... 8 00 @30 00 Raspberries, per pt.....

Plums, per qt...... 3 LIVE POULTRY. Fowls, per lb..... — @ Spring chickens, per lb.... 131/2@ Roosters, per lb..... Turkeys, per lb...... Pigeons, per pair.... DRESSED POULTRY. Turkeys, ner lb...... 13 @

Broilers, Phil., per lb 20 @ Squabs, per dozen...... 1 50 @ 2 50 State. 1904, choice 23 @ Medium to prime..... 20 Pacific Coast, 1904, choice..... 23 Old odds.... @ HAY AND STRAW

Hay, prime, per 100 ib.... 90 per 100 ib..... Straw, long rye.... 60 @ VEGETABLES. Potatoes, L. I., per bbl.... 1 50 @ 1 75 Jersey, per bbl...... 1 37 Sweets, per basket..... 75 furnips, per bbl...... 1 00 @ 1 25 Comatoes, per box..... 20

Peas, per bag. 60 E. Shore, per basket 60 Jersey, per oasket..... 50 @ 1 00 Jelery, per dozen bunches. 15 Carrots, per bbl 1 50

Beets, per 100 bunches..... 75 @ 1 07 Cucumbers, per box....... 25 @ 40 Cucumber pickles, per 1000. 1 00 @ 2 50 Lima beans, per basket.... 1 00 @ 2 00 Radishes, per 100 bunches.. - @ 75 Okra, per basket...... 1 00 @ 1 50 GRAIN. ETC. Flour-Winter patents 4 50 @ 5 00 Spring patents.. 5 50 @ 6 65

Wheat, No. 1 N. Duluth ... No. 2 red \$6%@ Lard, city 714@ LIVE STOCK. Beeves, city dressed 7 @ Calves, city dressed Country dressed

Sheep, per 100 lb...... 3 50 @ 4 50 Lambs, per 100 lb...... 5 99 @ 8 00 Hogs, live, per 100 lb..... 5 90 @ 6 80 FOR FARM MORTGAGES.

What is Happening on the Once Tabooed Irrigated Lands.

Wichita, Kan. - Mortgages on irrigated lands of the Western States are attracting attention from investors more than ever before. The treasurer and farm loan manager of a leading Cincinnati life insurance company that has nearly \$40,000,000 in farm loans. has been traveling over the irrigated portions of the West during the past three weeks inspecting the offerings in this line, "We have been placing money on farm loans many years." said he, "but in the order settled portions of the West the demand for money is very light, and we are looking for new fields. The irrigated lands of Colorado and Stali are very attractive investments, and I am much pleased with them. The new laws of Colorado by which permanency of the water supply is assured gives a chance for the settler to secure a steady income for his lifetime, and he will be able to meet his interest and principal."

Foreign Crop Report.

In Great Britain and Ireland the area under wheat is estimated at-1,800,000 acres. The area under wheat in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories is ten per cent, larger than ever before. In Australasia the crop is very promising. The outlook in Germany seemed fair. In Russia the crop prospects remained satisfactory. In Argentine there is a good crop outlook. In Hungary the prospect was considerably worse than in June.

Banana Supply Short.

With the supply of bananas reduced to less than half the usual amount because of the quarantine at New Orleans, La., dealers in Chicago, Ill., are predicting a famine in this fruit. Prices are about double those of a month ago. Worth January

Attempt on Empress' Life. It was reported from Tien-Tsin that a soldier attempted to murder the Empress of China and was killed by the

guard, and distributed and

Conference to Be Held at Madrid. The Spanish Premier futimated that the Moroccan conference would be held at Madrid. Andious firm

Russian Peasant Parliament. The first Russian "peasant parliament" was held in Moscow.